

# TOLL BRIDGE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

CALTRANS BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2007, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
Caltrans Headquarters, Director's Conference Room,  
1120 N Street, Sacramento, CA

**Attendees:** TBPOC Members: Will Kempton, Steve Heminger, and John Barna;  
PMT Members: Tony Anziano, Andy Fremier, and Stephen Maller;  
Participants: Jose Aguirre, Ali Banani, Nancy Bobb (FHWA), Michele DiFrancia, Beatriz Lacson, Peter Lee, Brian Maroney, Dina Noel, Cheryl Pirtle, Judis Santos, and Bijan Sartipi

Convened: 9:30 AM

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1.	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Chair expressed the TBPOC's appreciation and thanks to all who worked very hard on the bridge replacement effort over the Labor Day weekend.</li></ul>	
2.	<b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b> <p>BATA presented the following for approval.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>June 27, 2007 Conference Call Minutes</li><li>July 27, 2007 Conference Call Minutes</li><li>August 2, 2007 Meeting Minutes</li><li>August 24, 2007 Conference Call Minutes</li><li>2008 TBPOC Meeting Calendar</li></ol> <p>BATA presented, for information, the 2007 TBPOC Meeting Calendar which was revised to reflect the PMT trip to China in October. The 2008 calendar was also revised to include the quarterly PMT trips to China.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The TBPOC <b>APPROVED</b> the June 27, July 27, August 24, 2007 Conference Call Minutes, and August 2, 2007 Meeting Minutes.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It was noted that action on the re-striping of the toll plaza area (see June 27, 2007 Conference Call Minutes, page 2 of 5, Action column, 2nd bullet) was referred to Department staff.</li></ul></li><li>The TBPOC <b>ACCEPTED</b> the 2007 and 2008 TBPOC Meeting Calendars as presented.</li></ul>

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<p>3. <b>PROGRESS REPORT</b> BATA presented the Draft September 2007 Monthly Progress Report for information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of this report by the TBPOC through delegated authority to the PMT is anticipated as soon as updated expenditure data through August 31, 2007 and final comments are incorporated.</li><li>• The Chair clarified that approval authority delegated to the PMT assumes TBPOC member review of these reports.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For the record, the TBPOC through delegated authority to the PMT <b>APPROVED</b> the Second Quarter Report Ending June 30, 2007 on August 13, 2007.</li><li>• For the record, the TBPOC <b>APPROVED</b> the July and August 2007 Monthly Progress Reports through their respective PMT members on August 7, 2007 and September 4, 2007, respectively.</li></ul>
<p>4. <b>PROGRAM ISSUES</b></p> <p>a. Dumbarton-Antioch Bridges Retrofit Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Department gave a slide presentation of the seismic evaluations of the two bridges.</li><li>• Comments/discussion included:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The Department recommends that the Antioch Bridge be categorized as a regular bridge, at a “no-collapse” level of retrofit.</li><li>○ The Department recommends that the Dumbarton Bridge be categorized as an “important” bridge (similar to the Richmond-San Rafael, Benicia-Martinez and San Mateo Bridges), but not as a lifeline route (like the Bay Bridge).</li><li>○ While the Dumbarton and Antioch Bridges may not currently be a part of the AB144 Toll Bridge Program, and determination of the retrofit strategy for each bridge lies with the Department, the Chair intends to seek input from the TBPOC in making this decision.</li><li>○ The Department suggested that</li></ul></li></ul>	

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<p>such a decision may not be required until March 2009. However, the TBPOC desires to make an endorsement at this time, with the flexibility to take a different approach in the future, as needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Incorporating these bridges into the Toll Bridge Program will require legislation, and will be the subject of a separate discussion.</li> <li>○ S. Heminger handed out to the other members of the TBPOC a list of bridges with their respective seismic strategy entitled "Seismic Retrofit Program, System Bridges Design Basis and Status".</li> </ul> <p>b. Richmond-San Rafael Bridge – California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department gave the current status of this on-going negotiations with the CDFG as related to impacts during bridge construction, on salmonid species listed under the California Endangered Species Act.</li> <li>• Comments/discussion included:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The issue has been resolved with a \$1.5 million settlement and payment is being processed.</li> <li>○ The settlement closes out this project.</li> <li>○ It was suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to R. Iwasaki, et al., for successfully negotiating with the Department of Fish and Game and achieving substantial savings for the Program.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>c. TBSRP Capital Outlay Support Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda item deferred.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The TBPOC voted 2-0-1 (with J. Barna abstaining) to <b>ENDORSE</b> the Department's recommended retrofit strategy for the Dumbarton Bridge as "important" and Antioch Bridge as "regular".               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Department to keep the TBPOC updated and present this item back to the TBPOC for final decision.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Toll Bridge Program Manager to draft the letter of appreciation for TBPOC signature, and look into the possibility of award to the personnel involved in the negotiations.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>d. Westar Litigation – Request for Settlement Authority<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Department Asst. Chief Counsel gave a background summary, current status, financial exposures, as well as the recommended next steps to take; and requested authorization for the Department to negotiate a settlement during a scheduled mediation on October 12, 2007, in an amount to be established by the TBPOC.</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The TBPOC <b>AUTHORIZED</b> the Department to negotiate a settlement in an amount not to exceed \$8 million.</li></ul>
<p>5. <b>SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE UPDATES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Yerba Buena Island<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Update: Labor Day Weekend Closure for Detour West Tie-In Work/YBI Viaduct Replacement<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agenda item deferred.</li></ul></li><li>2) Budget Balance Beam<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agenda item deferred.</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>b. SAS and OTD General Update<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agenda item deferred.</li></ul></li><li>c. Jones Act<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agenda item deferred.</li></ul></li></ul>	
<p>6. <b>BENICIA-MARTINEZ BRIDGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Loading Sequence Review and Addendum 1<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BATA presented an update with supporting copies of PowerPoint slides which gave a comprehensive look at the bridge details, a history of the maintenance observations, the changes made over the life of the bridge, and a review of upcoming contract work.</li></ul></li><li>• BATA and the Department requested approval for Addendum No. 1 which</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The TBPOC <b>APPROVED</b> Addendum No. 1, and</li></ul>

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<p>contains minor quantity and item changes, as well as clarification of the contract specifications, at a minimal cost, and delegated authority for Addendum No. 2 which modifies the specifications to limit amount of work on the southbound direction of the bridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comments/discussion included:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Advisory signage is in place and observations indicate that most truck traffic prefers and uses the number 2 (center) lane. It is not necessary to change the advisory to mandatory.</li><li>○ The existing bridge has been maintained well. The Department will continue to inspect the bridge on a regular basis during construction.</li><li>○ The Department is exploring the development of an electronic monitoring system that will monitor stresses in the members without having to physically inspect the details.</li><li>○ The entire rehabilitation program is currently being reviewed to ensure the toll bridges are being maintained to the highest standards.</li><li>○ The FHWA representative indicated that the FHWA has issued an advisory that construction materials not overload bridges. She believes that all bases have been covered with respect to the work on the Benicia-Martinez Bridge.</li></ul></li></ul>	<p><b>AUTHORIZED</b> the PMT to act on Addendum No. 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The TBPOC <b>CONFIRMED</b> that the advisory signing for trucks is sufficient at this time.</li></ul>
<p>7. <b>Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The TBPOC reconvened in the Chair's office for a closed-door discussion.</li></ul>	

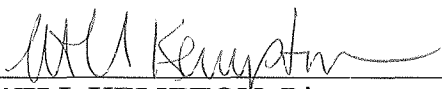
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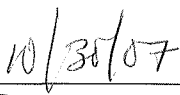
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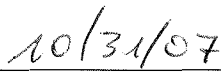
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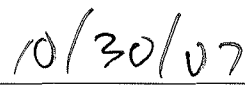
  
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